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Senator Jim McDermott

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee

Washington, DC

Dear Senator McDermott,

Thank you for pursuing the issue of adding another tier of unemployment benefits for those whose benefits have run out. My husband worked at the same company for about 37 years and 2 years ago the company closed. He has applied for countless jobs over this period of time, but has yet to be hired. To add insult to injury, I was informed two weeks ago that my job has been eliminated. Now we are both unemployed.

We are not old enough to retire and fully expect to have to work for a living. Where are the jobs? They are not in our home state of Connecticut. If the support for unemployed people is going to come to an end, then jobs need to be established; jobs in all fields for all people. We are not looking for a hand out; we are looking for a way to support ourselves.

Please do whatever you can to get the support for us that we need. We appreciate your efforts. I honestly don't know what comes next for us now that we are both unemployed. It is frightening.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Crocco

Recently unemployed spouse of a "99er"